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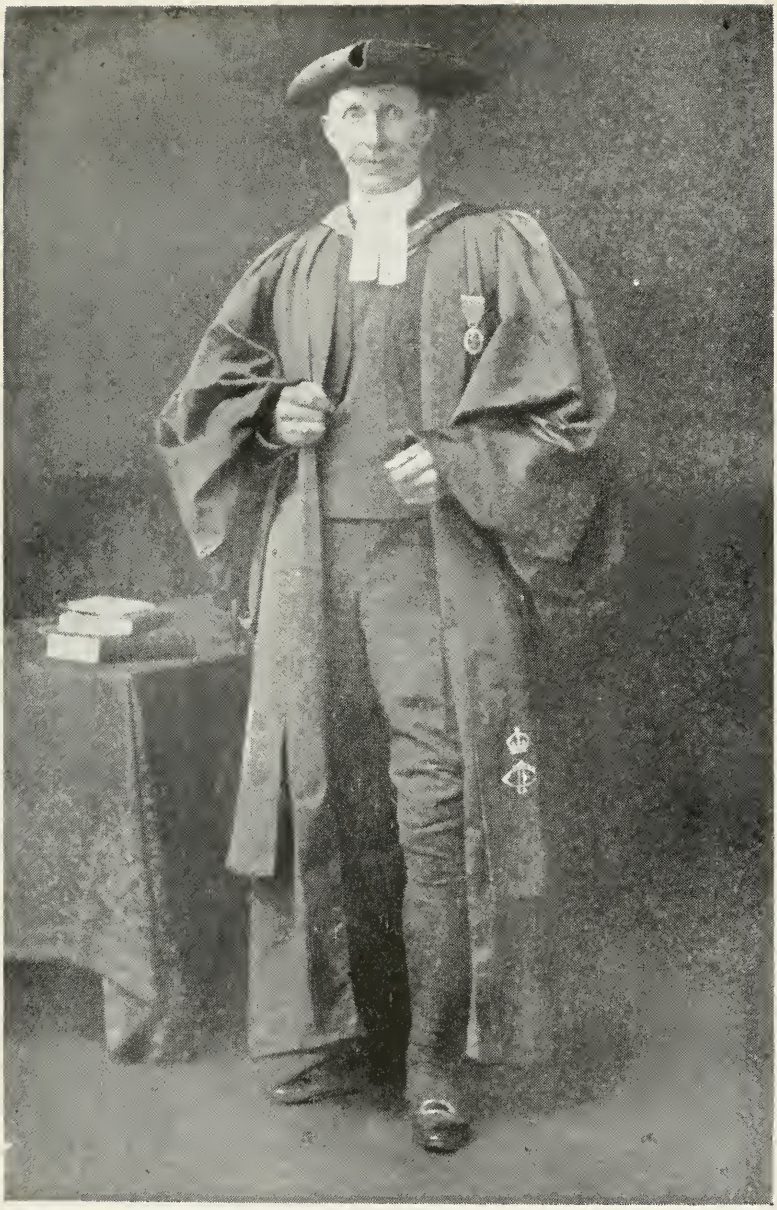

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The following pages form a chapter in a larger publication dealing with the paternal and maternal sides of my ancestry. I have thought it might interest some of my immediate relatives and friends to have this part of the other book in such a form as this; and I now publish it in the hope that it may interest them.

JAMES SMITH.

MRS. JAMES SMITH
(1769 1854)
Janet Grant
MOTHER OF LEWIS SMITH

MRS. JAMES SPALDING
(1771-1855)
Maria Lyon Ross
MOTHER OF MRS. LEWIS SMITH

THE FAMILY OF SMITH

(BELHELVIE, *c.* 1590–).

I. THOMAS SMITH (*c.* 1590—after 1615).

Thomas Smith, *b.* about 1590; *m.* about 1613; *d.* after 1615. He was a Farmer at Laingseat, Belhelvie, Aberdeenshire. His family consisted of:—

1. JAMES, *b.* about 1615, of whom hereafter.

II. JAMES SMITH (*c.* 1615—after 1640).

James Smith, *b.* about 1615; *m.* 12th March, 1637, Marjorie Mill (*d.* after 1640), daughter of Thomas Mill, Farmer at Leuchlands, Belhelvie; *d.* after 1640. He was a Farmer at Laingseat, Belhelvie.

"March 12, 1637. Quhilk day in presence of Master David Lindsay, Parsone of Belhelvie, compeared James Smith, sonne lawful to Thomas Smith in Laingseat, and was contracted in marriage with Marjorie Mill, daughter to Thomas Mill sometime in Leuchlands, and they both obliged themselves to accomplish their marriage within 40 days after proclamation of their bands no impediment being found, and in the meantime to abstain from carnal dealings and not to have a penny bridell under the pain of ten pounds. Thomas Smith cautioner for the man, and Patrick Mill cautioner for the woman." (*Belhelvie Register*). Their family consisted of:—

1. JOHN, *b.* about 1640, of whom hereafter.

III. JOHN SMITH (*c.* 1640-1717).

John Smith, *b.* about 1640; *m.* about 1670; *d.* 24th Oct., 1717. He was a Farmer at Laingseat, Belhelvie. His family consisted of:—

1. ALEXANDER, *b.* about 1675, of whom hereafter.

IV. ALEXANDER SMITH (*c.* 1675-1735).

Alexander Smith, *b.* about 1675; *m.* before 1696; *d.* 4th Oct., 1735. He was a Farmer at Laingseat, Belhelvie. In the Poll-Book of 1696, the general poll on the estate of the Earl of Panmure of himself and wife is given at 12s. His family consisted of:—

1. George, *b.* 25th Jan., 1702.
2. Margaret, *b.* 27th Feb., 1707.
3. WILLIAM, *b.* 19th June, 1709, of whom hereafter.
4. Jean, *b.* 14th June, 1712.

V. William Smith (1709-1750).

William Smith, *b.* 19th June, 1709; *m.* 20th July, 1738, Elizabeth Ferguson (*d.* after 1750); *d.* 8th June, 1750. He was a Farmer at Laingseat, Belhelvie. Their family consisted of:—

1. William, *b.* 30th Sept., 1739; *d.* an infant.
2. Elizabeth, *b.* 5th April, 1741.
3. Alexander, *b.* 8th May, 1743, of whom hereafter.
4. John, *b.* 12th May, 1745.
5. Barbara, *b.* 20th Dec., 1747.
6. William, *b.* 5th Aug., 1750. "The said day Elizabeth Ferguson in Laingseat, her husband being dead, had a son baptised called William. George Smith in Drumhead, brother to the deceased William Smith, became sponsor." (*Belhelvie Register*).

VI. Alexander Smith (1743-1773).

Alexander Smith, *b.* 8th May, 1743; *m.* 26th Aug., 1764, Elspet Muire, Foveran (*b.* about 1742; *d.* after 1770); *d.* 28th Oct., 1773. He was a Farmer at Leyton, Belhelvie, on the estate of Menie. Their family consisted of:—

1. James, *b.* 4th Nov., 1766, of whom hereafter.
2. William *b.* 17th Sept., 1768; *d.* 9th Feb., 1809.
3. Margaret, *b.* 6th June, 1770: *d.* 2nd June, 1773.

VII. James Smith (1766-1808).

James Smith, *b.* 4th Nov., 1766; *m.* 14th May, 1803, Janet Grant (*b.* 15th June, 1769; *d.* 19th Nov., 1854), elder daughter of William Grant, Farmer, Mickle Tillylair, Aboyne, of whom before; *d.* 7th May, 1808, and was buried at Belhelvie. He was a Tailor and Clothier at Newburgh, and at Bridge of Don. Their family consisted of:—

1. Lewis, *b.* 18th April, 1804, of whom hereafter.
2. James, *b.* 30th March, 1806, and baptised at Bridge of Don by the Rev. James Templeton, M.A., Minister of the Antiburgher Congregation in Aberdeen, before Alexander Smith, his grandfather, and George Sangster, witnesses; *d.* 28th March, 1807, and was buried at Belhelvie. After the death of her husband, Mrs. James Smith married, 22nd June, 1808, George Cruickshank (*b.* 27th Dec., 1762; *d.* 4th Aug., 1813), Wright, Aberdeen, and a native of Belhelvie, by

LEWIS SMITH

Born at Newburgh, 18th April, 1804

Died at Aberdeen, 24th October, 1880

whom she had no family, and whom she survived. He was buried at Belhelvie, and she was buried in Nellfield Cemetery, in the family grave bought there by her son, Lewis Smith.

VIII. Lewis Smith (1804-1880).

Lewis Smith, *b.* 18th April, 1804, at Mill of Newburgh, Foveran, and baptised by the Rev. William Duff, M.A., Minister of Foveran; *m.* 6th Oct., 1823, within the upper room in the South Porch of St. Machar Cathedral, by the Rev. Dr. Skene Ogilvy, to Mary Spalding (*b.* 14th Nov., 1806; *d.* 2nd May, 1882), third daughter of James Spalding, Ironfounder, Grandholm, of whom hereafter; *d.* 24th Oct., 1880. He was apprenticed in his tenth year to Mr. David Wyllie, Bookseller and Stationer, Aberdeen, and in his eighteenth year he set up business on his own account, at the shop adjoining the gate of Marischal College. His shop became the rendezvous of most of the eminent men of Aberdeen and the North, and he became intimate with the Proprietors, Clergy, Doctors, and Schoolmasters of the surrounding counties. Dr. John Hill Burton, Dr. Joseph Robertson, Dr. Kilgour, the Principals and Professors of King's and Marischal Colleges were among his patrons; and he published many local books and pamphlets.

Among the many works published by Lewis Smith, his eldest son James and his youngest son Isaac—both of whom were at different times his partners—may be named the following:—

"The Aberdeen Censor" (1825); "The Deeside Guide" (1829); "The Aberdeen Magazine" (1831); "Sacred Harmony by James Morgan, Auchindoir" (1833); "Jamie Fleeman" (1835); "Dunnottar Castle" (1835); "The Book of Bon-Accord" (1839); "Davie's Music of the Church of Scotland" (1842); "The People's Tune-Book" (1844); "The Donside Guide" (1844); "Pratt's Buchan" (1858); "Speyside" (1860); "The Aberdeen Saturday Post and Northern Counties Chronicle" (1861)—a newspaper which lived 15 weeks, published by James Smith, eldest son and partner of Lewis Smith; "Legends of the Braes O' Mar" (1861); "The Druids" (1861); "Tamlane" and "John O' Arnha'" (1862); "Peter Williamson" (1865); "Aberdeen Fifty Years Ago" (1869); "Shetland" (1871); "The Northern Psalter" (1872); "Helenore" (1874); "New History of Aberdeenshire," 2 vols. (1875); "Pocket Map of City of Aberdeen"; "Wall Map of Aberdeenshire"; "Past and Present of Aberdeenshire" (1881); "Waifs of Rhyme" (1887); "Tourist Guide to the Athole and Breadalbane Highlands of Perthshire" (1890); "Benachie" (1890); "Strath-Spey" (1902); and "The Popular Dream Book" (1905).

Burgess of Guild, 23rd Jan., 1827. He bought the estate of Marybank Maryculter, and built the mansion-house there. On 1st Nov., 1836, he entered the Town Council, being elected for the First Ward, and

defeating Mr. Middleton Rettie, Jeweller. He took an active share in Municipal affairs (1836-77), and filled all the Council offices except the Lord Provostship, which he declined. Master of Guild Brethren's Hospital, 1837-8, and 1850-3; Master of Mortifications, 1838-9; Fourth Baillie, 1853-4; Second Baillie, 1854-5, and 1856-7; Third Baillie, 1855-6; First Baillie, 1857-8; Councillor, 7th Sept., to 1st Dec., 1868, in room of a Councillor resigned; Dean of Guild, 1871-3; Fifth Baillie, 1873-4; Treasurer, 1874-7. He was a Commissioner to the Convention of Royal Burghs, 1875-7. He interested himself in the educational and philanthropic work of the city, as well as in politics. An intimate friend of Mr. John Farley Leith, M.P., he did much to assist his return as a Liberal. His devotion to business was equalled only by his love for the city, whose prosperity and fame he did so much to advance. His portrait, an oil-painting, by Sir George Reid, late *P*.R.S.A., and presented to him by his fellow-citizens, hangs in the Council Chamber, to which the family of his son, John Rae Smith, gifted it. At his death he was awarded a public funeral, attended by the Lord Provost and Magistrates and a great concourse of leading citizens, and was interred in the family grave in Nellfield Cemetery. He was a devoted member of the South Parish Church. Their family consisted of:—

1. Mary, *b.* 4th Aug., 1824; *m.* 3rd Sept., 1846, James Hobb Hay (*b.* 1822; *d.* 2nd Nov. 1882), of the firm of J & J. Hay, Carvers and Gilders to Her Majesty Queen Victoria; *d.* 8th Dec., 1894. Their family consisted of:—

(1) Mary Ann, *m.* 10th Sept., 1863, George Miller Robertson (*b.* 9th Nov., 1842), son of Samuel Robertson, Currie, near Edinburgh, and now a Contractor in Melbourne. Their family consists of:—

i. Samuel Lewis, Architect, London, who is married to Annie Austey, of Lincoln. They have a family of Angus and Marie.

ii. George, Merchant, Perth, Western Australia, who is married to Minnie Wardle, of New York. They have a family of Evelyn.

iii. Mary Smith, *m.* 24th July, 1895, Andrew Gordon, Solicitor, Edinburgh, son of Alexander Gordon, Farmer, Oldtown, Roseisle, Duffus, and Jane Brown, daughter of William Brown, Burghead,

Morayshire. He is Quarter-Master and Hon. Captain in the 9th Battalion The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment). Their family consists of:—

(i.) William Finlay, *b.* 15th July, 1896.

(ii.) Stanley Alexander, *b.* 9th Feb., 1903.

(iii.) Hilda Mary.

iv. Elizabeth Laura, *m.* Clarence Cole, Banker, Melbourne. They have a family of James (*d.* an infant), Basil and George.

v. Annie Mitchell.

vi. Henry Hay, *b.* 22nd March, 1878, Accountant, Western Australia. He is married, and has three children.

vii. Stanley Gladstone, who is an Ironmonger.

(2) Elizabeth Brodie, *b.* 27th July, 1849; *m.* 3rd June, 1870, Charles Walker, Merchant, Aberdeen, a younger brother of Lord Provost James Walker, D.L., of Richmondhill, Aberdeen; *d.* 11th Oct., 1899. Their family consisted of:—

i. Mary Hay, *m.* Joseph Coutts, retired Banker, Kaim Park, Bathgate. Their family consists of:—

(i.) Mary.

Mrs. Charles Walker married, as her second husband, Angus Macdonald, Merchant, Trinity, Edinburgh.

(3) Henry Smith, *b.* 26th March, 1857; *m.* Cecilia Grapes, London. He is a Slate Merchant in London. Their family consists of:—

i. Dorothy. ii. Raymond. iii. Brodie.

(4) Helen, *m.* Edward Charles Symons, of Chat Moss, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex. He has a Boarding House there.

(5) Janet, *m.* Clement Green, Mill Overseer, Snowtown, Kapunda, South Australia.

2. JAMES, *b.* 15th Jan., 1826, of whom hereafter.

3. John Rae, *b.* 14th Nov., 1827; *m.* 23rd Aug., 1855, Isabella Fiddes (*b.* 1834; *d.* 8th Sept., 1897), eldest daughter of William Fiddes, M.D., Overhill, Belhelvie, and Elspet Barbara Mitchell, and niece of David Mitchell, Advocate, Aberdeen; *d.* 28th Aug., 1905. He was a Bookseller and Stationer in Aberdeen. Burgess of Guild, 2nd Nov., 1868. Their

family consisted of:—(1) Isabella. (2) Maria Mitchell, *d.* 3rd Jan., 1904, aged 46 years. (3) Jane Elsy. (4) William Fiddes; he is a Stationer in Aberdeen. (5) John Rae; he is a Stationer in Aberdeen. (6) Eleanor. (7) Lewis, *d.* 28th May, 1866, aged 3 months. (8) Francis George; he is an Insurance Clerk. (9) Jessie Fiddes, *d.* 6th Aug., 1868, aged 7 days. (10) Edward; he is an Accountant in Middlesborough, Yorkshire. (11) Norman, *d.* 3rd Sept., 1873, aged 15 months. (12) Richard; he is a Bookseller in Aberdeen (13) Walter, *d.* 25th July, 1877, aged 3 months. (14) Alfred *d.* 12th Aug., 1879, aged 11 weeks.

4. Lewis, *b.* 3rd Sept., 1829; *d.* 8th Dec., 1909. He was a Bookseller in Aberdeen, but was in weak health from his eighteenth year to his death.

5. Henry Constable, *b.* 23rd May, 1831; *m.* Eliza Denbigh, daughter of Alexander John Denbigh, Merchant, London; *d.* 28th May, 1907. He was a Linen Merchant in London. Burgess of Guild, 2nd May, 1875. Their family consisted of:—(1) Clara Mary. (2) Henry Vagliano; he is a Linen Merchant in London, was married to a Miss Sayers, of London (now dead), and has one daughter. (3) Eliza Fernie. (4) Kathleen Agnes Denbigh. (5) Julia Rowlett. (6) Lewis Valentine. He is married, and has two children. He went out to Vladivostock, Siberia, where he is engaged in the Tea Trade with his uncle, Mr. Denbigh. (7) Margaret, who is dead.

6. William Leith, *b.* 1st April, 1833, and baptised by, as well as named after, the Rev. William Leith, M.A., Minister of the South Parish (1825-32); *d.* 8th Dec., 1865. He was a Merchant in Aberdeen.

7. Jean Thomson, *b.* 17th March, 1835; *m.* 28th Aug., 1861, Alexander Walker (*b.* 3rd March, 1825; *d.* 10th Feb., 1903), Wine and Tea Merchant in Aberdeen; *d.* 17th Feb., 1899. Alexander Walker was the second son of William Walker, Wine and Tea Merchant, Aberdeen. A pupil of Aberdeen Grammar School, under the famous Rector, Dr. James Melvin. Burgess of Guild, 3rd Jan., 1854. Dean of Guild, 4th Nov., 1873, to 2nd Nov., 1880, succeeding Lewis

Painted by Sir George Reid, P.R.S.A.

JEAN THOMSON SMITH
(Mrs. Alexander Walker)

Born at Aberdeen, 17th March, 1835
Died at Aberdeen, 17th February, 1899

Smith, his father-in-law. F.S.A. Scot., 1874. LL.D., Aberdeen University, 1895. Elder, West Parish Church, 1869. An intimate friend of Sir George Reid, late *P*.R.S.A., and one of his earliest patrons. A lover of Art, Literature, Education, and Philanthropy, and a devoted citizen. His portrait, drawn at a single sitting by the famous Legros, hangs in Aberdeen Art Gallery. In politics, an enthusiastic Unionist. Among the numerous institutions he served were Aberdeen Public Library, Mechanics' Institute (President), Robert Gordon's College, Savings' Bank, Educational Trust and School of Domestic Economy (Chairman, 1891-1903), Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (1877-94), Royal Asylum (Chairman, 1890-94), Soup Kitchen, United Coal Fund, Sick Man's Friend Society, Pauper Lunatic Fund, Aberdeen Dispensary, Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, Aberdeen School Board (1876-82), St. Nicholas Parochial Board, and many other minor benevolent agencies. Altogether, he was one of the best citizens Aberdeen has ever had. His last public appearance was on 26th June, 1902, when he laid the Memorial Stone of the new Parish Buildings at St. George's-in-the-West Parish Church, of which he was the Senior Trustee, and sole-surviving original Trustee, and of which his nephew, Rev. James Smith, is the First Minister.

Dr. Walker wielded a facile and graphic pen, and was a voluminous contributor to the press. He wrote on many topics, conveying in a style all his own what he had to say. As a lecturer to local societies he was greatly esteemed. No man ever had a warmer heart nor a more generous hand. Among his chief literary productions are the following :—

"The Selected Writings of John Ramsay" (1871); "How we Manage at Our Board" (1872); "Sum Notabil Thinges Aboot Abirdene Hospitales" (1873); "List of the Deans of Guild of Aberdeen, 1436-1875" (1875); "Robert Gordon, 1665-1731" (1876); "The Paroch Kirk of St. Nicholas, 1860-76" (1876); "Ten days out of harnesss" (1878); "In Memoriam: Lewis Smith" (1880); "Selections from the Writings of William Forsyth" (1882); "On some Church Relics shown at the Seabury Centenary Meeting" (1884); "Disblair, 1634-1884" (1884); "History of the Workhouse or Poors' Hospital of Aberdeen" (1885); "On a Bronze Pot" (1886); "Robert Gordon, 1665-1731, and his Hospital, 1732-1882, and College, 1882" (1886); "Mary Queen of Scots" (1887); "The Templar Knights"

(1887); "John Craig, 1512-1600" (1889); "Address to Ancient Order of Shepherds" (1890); "Aberdeen and its Famous Printers" (1890); "The Aberdeen Educational Trust" (1891); "Peel Men, or The Light of Other Days" (1891); "The Aberdeen Soup Kitchen, 1800-92" (1892); "The Commonty of Perwinnes" (1893); "Thoughts on Theine" (1893); "Our Current Coins" (1895); "Aberdeen Educational Trust: What is it?" (1896); "The Tapestries of the Church of St. Nicholas" (1897); "Robert Gordon, 1665-1731, and his Hospital, 1750-1876" (1897); "From the Mither Kirk" (1898); "Mrs. Emslie and her Female Orphan Asylum" (1898); and "Some Facts about the Estate and Castle of Muchalls" (1902).

He was interred in Allenvale Cemetery amid tokens of widespread regret and respect, his obsequies being attended by a great assemblage of his fellow-citizens and friends.

Their family consisted of:—

(1) Mary Spalding. She is Principal of Roan School for Girls, Greenwich.

(2) James, *b.* 20th April, 1864; *m.* 8th Sept., 1892, Georgina Mary Carr Dunn, daughter of George Dunn, London, Captain in the P. and O. Company's service, and niece of William Dunn, of Murtle, Aberdeen. He entered the Indian Civil Service in 1883, and now resides in Nagpur, Central Provinces, India, from which he will shortly retire. He was made a C.I.E. in 1904. Their family consists of:—

i. Bertram William George, *b.* 22nd Aug., 1894.

(3) Alexander, *b.* 6th April, 1867: *m.* 1st July, 1896, Mary Jane Mackenzie, eldest daughter of James Mackenzie, Merchant in Aberdeen. He is a Merchant in Aberdeen. Burgess of Guild, 7th Oct, 1895. Their family consists of:—

i. Elizabeth Martin.

ii. Alexander William, *b.* 1st Dec., 1898.

iii. Jean Thomson.

(4) Jane Smith. She is Lady Superintendent of St. Margaret's School, Polmont.

(5) George Robert, *b.* 29th Dec., 1873.

8. George Boyd, *b.* 23rd Feb., 1837; *d.* 9th June, 1876. He was a Merchant.

9. Alexander Philip, *b.* 3rd June, 1839; *m.* 4th Nov., 1871, Lucy Dudley Rowlett (*b.* 13th Nov., 1845; *d.* 7th Sept., 1886), elder daughter of William Rowlett, of London; *d.* 20th

March, 1901. He was in the Head Office of the Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, London. Their family consisted of:—

(1) Sydney Hastings, *b.* 1st Aug., 1872; *m.* 14th March, 1901, Antoinette Mary Hames, eldest daughter of Charles William Hames, Tailor, Clapham, London. He is a Clerk in the Head Office of the Bank of England, London, and resides at Wimbledon.

(2) Alexander Philip, *b.* 11th Jan., 1877. He is a Merchant in London.

10. Elizabeth, *b.* 7th March, 1841; *d.* 13th Dec., 1883.

11. Frederick, *b.* 30th May, 1843; *d.* 27th Dec., 1906. He was a Bookseller, but was in weak health the most of his life.

12. Janet, *m.* (1st) 14th July, 1864, George Henry Gray (*b.* 1833; *d.* 7th April, 1867), Ironmonger in Aberdeen, and nephew of Lord Provost Henry. They had no family. She married (2nd) 25th Nov., 1869, Robert Cowie, M.A., M.D., of Lerwick (*b.* 1st Feb., 1842; *d.* 1st May, 1874), author of "A Guide to Shetland," and son of Dr. John Cowie (*b.* 1813; *d.* 26th Aug., 1866), also a well-known Medical Practitioner in Lerwick. Their family consisted of:—

(1) Mary Spalding, *m.* 31st March, 1897, John Westwick Christie, Captain in the Merchant Service, Bristol, a son of James Christie, Commission Agent, Liverpool, and a relative of the Very Rev. Dr. William Walker, late Dean of Aberdeen and Orkney. Their family consists of:—

i. Janet Smith.
ii. Elizabeth Mary.
iii. John Westwick, *b.* 11th June, 1902.
iv. Robert Cowie, *b.* 18th April, 1904; *d.* 20th April, 1906.
v. James Maclaren, *b.* 29th May, 1907.

(2) Margaret Heddell Gray.

(3) Elizabeth Smith, *d.* 12th July, 1874; and (4) Roberta—twin.

13. Charles, *b.* 5th July, 1847; *d.* 23rd April, 1865, of phthisis, at Aberdeen. He was a Bookseller in his father's warehouse.

14. Isaac Forsyth, *b.* 2nd Feb., 1850: *m.* (1st) 4th June, 1879, Jane Dickson (*b.* 4th June, 1853; *d.* 9th June, 1894), only daughter

of John Dickson, Merchant, Edinburgh; *d.* 12th Jan, 1902, and was interred in Allenvale Cemetery, Aberdeen. He was a Wholesale Bookseller and Stationer in Aberdeen (Lewis Smith & Son), and resided at Heathcot, near Aberdeen. Burgess of Guild, 2nd Aug., 1875. Their family consisted of:—

(1) Lewis, *b.* 4th Nov., 1880; *m.* 29th Jan., 1907, by his cousin, the Rev. James Smith, B.D., Minister of St. George's-in-the-West Parish of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, to Jessie Stephen Greig, fourth daughter of Charles Greig, Tobacconist, Aberdeen. He is a Wholesale Bookseller and Stationer in Aberdeen, and a Lieutenant in the City of Aberdeen (Fortress) Royal Engineers. Their family consists of:—

i. Margaret Evelyn, baptised by Rev. James Smith.

ii. Jane, baptised by Rev. James Smith.

(2) Margaret Ethel, *m.* 20th April, 1910, George Fraser, Engineer, Colombo, Ceylon. Their family consists of:—

i. Margaret Ethel.

(3) Jane Dickson.

(4) Mary Eveline.

After the death of his first wife, Isaac Forsyth Smith married (2nd) 11th Aug., 1897, Petrina Stewart Currie (*b.* 1863; *d.* 8th Sept., 1906), second daughter of Andrew Currie, of Glassmount, Fife. She was a niece of the Rev. Bruce B. Begg, D.D., Minister of Abbotshall, Kirkcaldy, and of the Rev. John Wilson, D.D., Minister of Methven, 1850-1904, whose successor in that charge was the Rev. James Robertson, D.D., D.S.O., the distinguished Army Chaplain, and a former schoolfellow of the Rev. James Smith, B.D., of St. George's-in-the-West Parish, Aberdeen, at Fordyce, Banffshire.

IX. James Smith (1826–1863).

James, *b.* 15th Jan., 1826; *m.* 9th Aug., 1849, in Bridewell, Aberdeen, by Rev. James Bryce, D.D., Gilcomston Free Church, to Christian Chalmers (*b.* 7th Aug., 1826; *d.* 20th May, 1876), elder daughter of Alexander Wallace Chalmers, Governor of Aberdeen Prisons, of whom before; *d.* 10th July, 1863, and interred in Nellfield Cemetery.

"25th January, 1826. Lewis Smith, Bookseller, and his spouse Mary Spalding had a son born named James, baptized by the Rev. Mr. Stirling, in presence of James and William Spalding." (*A.R.*)

JAMES SMITH

Born at Aberdeen, 15th January, 1820

Died at Aberdeen, 10th July, 1863

"August 7, 1826. Alexander Wallace Chalmers, Governor of Bridewell, and his spouse Mary Jamson, had a daughter born named CHRISTIAN, baptized by the Rev. Dr. Kidd. Witness, Richard Jamson, late Shipmaster in Aberdeen, and William Chalmers, Clerk of Police, Aberdeen." (*O.R.*)

"July 29, 1849. Mr. James Smith, Bookseller, residing in Belmont Street, Aberdeen, Parish of St. Nicholas, and Miss Christian Chalmers, eldest daughter of Alexander Wallace Chalmers, Esq., Rose Street, in this parish, signified their purpose of marriage by Mr. Alexander Stables, Elder, and being thrice proclaimed they were married on the 9th of August, 1849, by the Rev. James Bryce, Minister of the Free Church, Gilcomston." (*O.R.*)

He was a Wholesale Bookseller and Stationer in Aberdeen, and was a partner of the firm of Lewis and James Smith, 1852-1863. He was reputed to be one of the finest violinists Aberdeen ever produced, and was an intimate friend of many musicians. Burgess of Guild, 3rd Jan., 1854. He was a remarkably elegant penman, and was also possessed of a ready wit. His wife, Christian Chalmers, was descended from an Aberdeen family of Donaldson, whose ancestry has been traced back to 1540, and of Cassie back to 1590. Of her five brothers, who all died young and unmarried, three were Officers in the Army (two of them serving in the India Mutiny, for which they were awarded Medals), and the fourth was a Chief Engineer in the Royal Navy, serving in the Crimean and Chinese Wars (Siege of Canton), for which he received two Medals and a Clasp. Their family consisted of nine children.

X. THE FAMILY OF JAMES SMITH.

The family of James Smith and Christian Chalmers consisted of:—

1. MARY CHALMERS, *b.* 24th Dec., 1850, and baptised by the Rev. Simon McIntosh, D.D., Minister of the East Parish of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen. She was a Governess in London and Brighton, and was one of the first to pass in 1874 the Cambridge University Examination for Women. She also gained the Certificate of the London School of Art for Freehand and Model Drawing. She became an invalid in 1879.
2. Christian, *b.* 23rd Oct., 1852, and baptised by the Rev. Simon McIntosh, D.D.; *d.* 12th Oct., 1872, of phthisis.
3. Alice, *b.* 2nd July, 1854, and baptised by the Rev. William Ogilvie, M.A., of the East Parish, afterwards of Fintray; *d.* 23rd Aug., 1855.

4. JAMES, *b.* 27th Nov., 1855, and baptised during a vacancy in the East Parish, by the Rev. James Fraser, D.D., of St. Clement's Parish, Aberdeen. Educated at Michie's (Silver Street) Academy, Aberdeen, and at Smith's Academy, Fordyce (1863-70), under the Rev. James Largue, M.A., Rector of that famous School, 1845-82. Liddell Bursar, Aberdeen University, 1870. M.A., 1874. B.D., 1877. Licensed 2nd May, 1877, by Aberdeen Presbytery. Tutor in the family of John Paton Watson, of Blackford, Aberdeenshire; to H. W. Knight-Erskine, of Pittodrie; and to Duncan Vernon Pirie at Scotstown, now M.P. for North Aberdeen. Assistant, University Library, 1876-8. Assistant, West Parish of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, 4th Nov., 1877, to 5th Jan., 1879. Ordained and Inducted 20th Feb., 1879, First Minister of St. George's-in-the-West Parish, the northern half of the West Parish, disjoined and erected into a separate charge. Interim Chaplain, Aberdeen Prison, February to September, 1879. Gazetted, 7th June, 1889, First Commissioned Chaplain of the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps, and posted to the 7th Division, in connection with the Medical Faculty, Aberdeen University. Promoted 11th Oct., 1909, First-Class Chaplain, ranking as Colonel, and awarded the Territorial Officers Decoration. Chairman of Class Re-Union Committee, and Joint-Editor of the Class Record, 1870-74. Member of Council and Executive Committee, New Spalding Club, Aberdeen Musical Festival, and of Business Committee, Aberdeen University General Council. Visited Palestine, Egypt, and Italy, 1893-4. Lecturer in Scotland for Palestine Exploration Fund (and Local Hon. Secretary), and for Egypt Exploration Fund. Presented to King George V. at Holyrood, 18th July, 1911, by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief in Scotland, Lieut.-General Sir Bruce Hamilton, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., on transfer to Territorial Force as Chaplain of 1st and 2nd Highland Field Ambulances and 1st Scottish General Hospital. Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, London, and of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Member of Aberdeen School Board, from 1903. Convener of High Schools Committee (Aberdeen Grammar School and Aberdeen High School for Girls),

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1903-11, and of Administration Committee, 1911. Member of Burgh Committee on Secondary Education, from 1903, and of Provincial Committee on the Training of Teachers, from 1905. Lecturer on Religious Knowledge, Aberdeen Training College, from 1908. Director of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and Royal Lunatic Asylum, 1891, and of Aberdeen Dispensary, from 1894. Life Manager, Morningfield Hospital. Director of Aberdeen Victoria Lodging-House, and of Deaf and Dumb Benevolent Society. Chairman of Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, 1912. President, Christian Literature Society for China (Aberdeen Branch). Member of General Assembly Committees on Home Mission, Christian Life and Work, Psalmody and Hymns, Army and Navy Chaplains, Religious Instruction of the Young, Statistics, Correspondence with Foreign Churches, Education, Benefice Register, and Scott's Fasti Revision Committee (Joint-Editor for Northern Synods). Local Treasurer, Church Service Society. Member of Committee of Management, St. Andrew's Ambulance Association (Aberdeen Branch).

During his ministry a Congregation has been raised, numbering 1690 Communicants at the end of the year 1911; while the Sunday Schools contained 91 teachers and 805 children. An Organ and large Church Hall and Parish Buildings have been erected, and the Church decorated twice and lighted by electricity. The liberality of the Congregation from 1878 to 1911 amounts to £20,000. The Poor Fund consists of £550. Since the opening of the Church on 8th Sept., 1878, to the end of 1911, there have been admitted by Certificate 2204, and as Young Communicants 2375. The Baptisms number 3931, the Marriages 1232, and the Deaths 1866. Among the Church agencies are Guilds for Men, Women, and Children; Bible Classes, a Fellowship and a Mutual Improvement Association, a Ladies' Work Party and a Visiting Association, a Flower Guild, a Savings Bank, a Library, a Mothers' Meeting and a Girls' Industrial Class.

In the work of his parish he has been assisted by those whose names follow:—1882, Alexander Black, M.A., now Minister at Blackhill; 1883, James Black, M.A., at Inveruric; 1885,

William Grant, B.D., at Drumblade; 1887, James Coutts, M.A., at (1) Ardallie, and (2) Wormit; 1890, Alexander Ross, B.D., at Pulteneytown; 1894, Peter Smith Bisset, B.D., at (1) Oyne, and (2) Craig; 1897, Daniel Dewar Macdonald, B.D., at Fairmuir, Dundee; 1900, Robert Maitland Souter, B.D., at Birsay; 1903, William Fraser, at (1) St. Stephen's, Inverness, and (2) Shurrery; 1904, Alexander Boyd, M.A., at South Uist; 1904, Robert Davidson, M.A., at Fisherton, Ayr; 1906, William Metcalfe, B.D., at Shoeburyness; 1908, William Duncan Frater, M.A., late of Maud; 1908, James Alexander Stephen, at Orphir; 1909, Angus Boyd, M.A., at Kilchoman; 1909, Francis Cantlie Donald, M.A., Assistant, Huntly; 1910, Alexander Bain Harper, B.D., Assistant, West Parish, Aberdeen; 1911, Henry Coulter, B.A., B.D., Assistant, Broughty-Ferry; and 1912, George Alexander Mackeggie, M.A.

The following list contains his principal literary productions, apart from frequent contributions he has made to the Press:—

"St. George's-in-the-West Congregational Reports" (1882-); "The Church and Amusements" (1887); "Christianity and Benevolent Patriotism" (1889); "The Story of the Medical Staff Corps" (1891); "The Book of St. George's-in-the-West" (1892); "A Pilgrimage to Palestine" (1895), *illus.*; "A Pilgrimage to Egypt" (1897), *illus.*; "A Pilgrimage to Italy" (1899), *illus.*; "The Signs of the Times" (1899); "Twenty-One Years' History of St. George's-in-the-West Parish" (1900), *illus.*; "In Memoriam: Queen Victoria" (1901); "Spiritual Independence: What is it?" (1904); "Twenty-Five Years' History of St. George's-in-the-West Parish" (1904), *illus.*; "The Soul and Knowledge" (1906); "Against Cruelty to Dumb Animals" (1907); "Patriotism" (1908); "Faith in God" (1908); "In Memoriam: King Edward VII." (1910); "Christian Manliness" (1912); "The Social Problem" (1912); and "My Family History" (1913).

5. Elizabeth, *b.* 25th April, 1857, and baptised by the Rev. John Marshall Lang, afterwards the Very Rev. J. Marshall Lang, C.V.O., LL.D., D.D., Principal of Aberdeen University, (1900-9); *d.* 1st Dec., 1875, in London, of phthisis, and was buried in Highgate Cemetery, there. She was a Governess in Aberdeen and in Cologne, whence she came to London to die.

6. Alice, *b.* 9th Feb., 1859, and baptised by the Rev. Robert Flint, M.A., LL.D., D.D., F.R.S.E., afterwards Professor of Moral

MARY CHALMERS SMITH

CHRISTIAN SMITH
(1852-1872)

MRS. JAMES SMITH
(1826-76)
Christian Chalmers

ELIZABETH SMITH
(1857-1875)

ALICE SMITH

MRS. JAMES SMITH AND FOUR OF HER DAUGHTERS

Philosophy in St. Andrews University, and thereafter Professor of Divinity in Edinburgh University, one of the most voluminous and learned Divines the Church of Scotland has produced. She was a Governess in the families of Admiral Sir John D. Hay, Bart., General Brendon, Count Grafen von Garnier, of Turawa, Silesia, and of Sir Charles Shelley, Bart. (nephew of the poet), and also in London, Berlin, and Paris. She became an invalid in 1893. She is an accomplished Artist, Linguist, and Musician.

7. A daughter, *b.* 23rd April, 1860; *d.* 24th April, 1860.
8. Louisa, *b.* 17th July, 1861, and baptised by the Rev. Robert Flint; *d.* 18th August, 1866.
9. Alexander Wallace, *b.* 9th March, 1863, and baptised by the Rev. Colin McCulloch, M.A., of the East Parish, and afterwards in Australia; *d.* 26th June, 1863.

The descendants of Lewis Smith number 103—of whom 10 are sons and 4 daughters; 20 grandsons and 30 grand-daughters; 11 great-grandsons and 15 great-grand-daughters; and 8 great-great-grandsons and 5 great-great-grand-daughters. His family of 10 sons and 4 daughters has all passed away, except his youngest daughter, Mrs. Janet Smith or Cowie, who resides at 16 Cumberland Avenue, Sefton Park, Liverpool. The great Wholesale Booksellers' and Stationers' Business, which Lewis Smith founded in 1821, and in which he had as his partner for ten years (1852 to 1862) his eldest son, James, under the style of Lewis and James Smith, and in which he had later as his partner for a year his youngest son, Isaac Forsyth Smith, under the style of Lewis Smith and Son, is now the property of his youngest son's only son, Lewis Smith.

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